#### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

"COME HOLY SPIRIT"

April 10 - May 22, 2021

#### LISS Topics

- Week 1: God's Love
- Week 2: God Saves Us
- Week 3: New Life
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#### Week 2: GOD'S SALVATION



God sent Jesus, his son, to give us new life. Jesus reveals the Father's love for us. Through his life, death and resurrection.

Jesus is Shepherd, Healer, Lord And Savior.



Jesus invites us to a kingdom, a new way of life, a gift of redemption.

We are created in God's image, but fallen and tarnished. We Are all affected by original sin.

Jesus offers forgiveness and restoration for each of us and for the whole world.



We need God and have a choice To make in order to live this New life.

Each day we must answer the Scriptural question Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you that I am?" (Mark 8:27)

We can also look at Mary who is an example of responding to God's love and invitation to accept Jesus.





### But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8



#### **TESTIMONY**

Jesus saved our family from what would have been a life ruined by sinfulness.

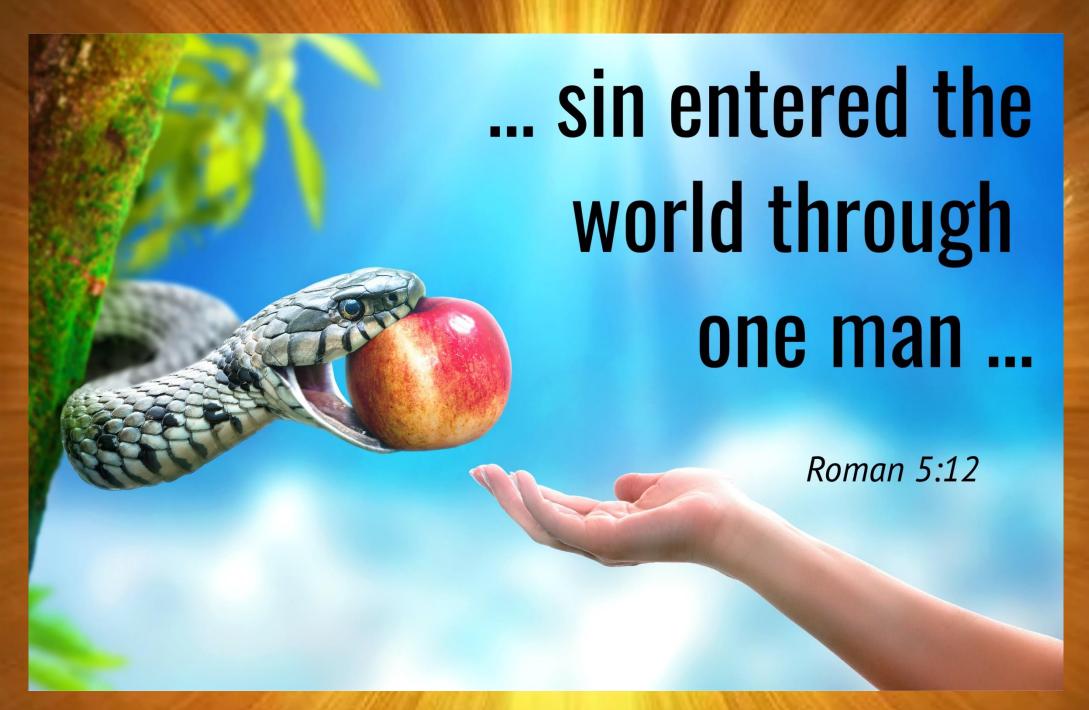












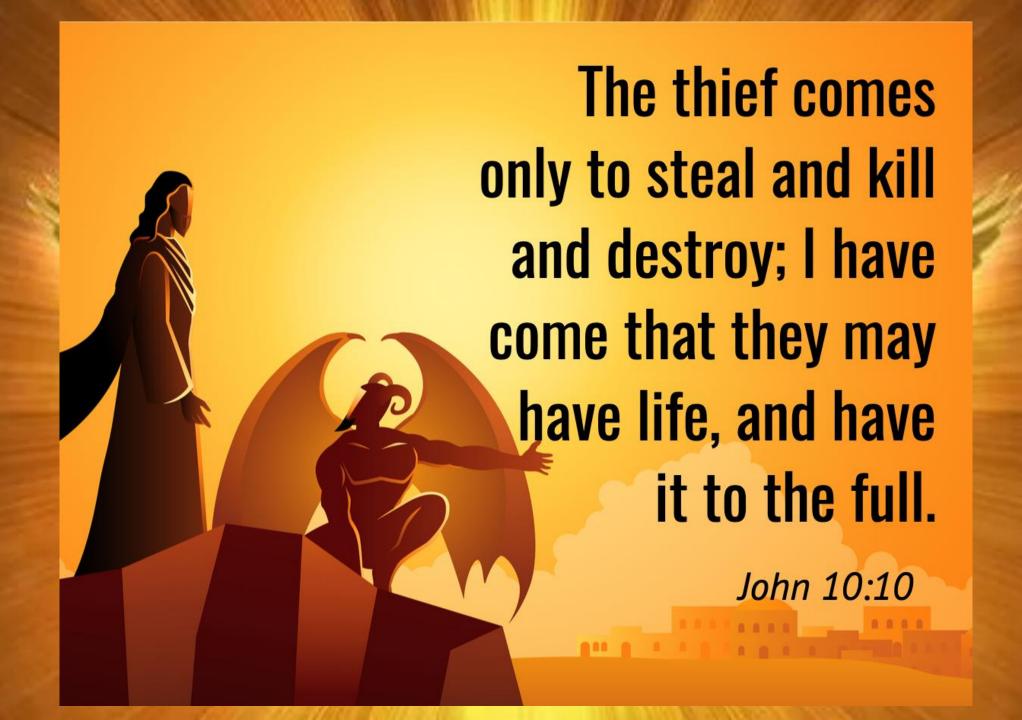






# FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THOSE WHO ARE LOST.

Luke 19:10



# I am the Lord Who heals You.

**Exodus 15:26** 



The joy of the Lord is your Strength.

Nehemiah 8:10

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He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives ...

Luke 4:18



For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **Ephesians 6:12** 





The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclain freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight

for the blind, to set the oppressed free.

Luke 4:18





Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

All things work together for good to those who love God ...

**Romans 8:28** 



The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 3:8



You were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors...

1 Peter 1:18





He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Colossians 1:13



Salvation Prayer: Lord Jesus, I come before you just as I am. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my sins. Please, forgive me. In Your name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus. I accept You as my Lord, God, and Savior. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come, Lord Jesus. Cover me with your precious blood, and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I love You, Lord Jesus. I praise You, Jesus. I thank You Jesus. I will follow you everyday of my life. Amen.

Mary, my mother, Queen of Peace, all the angels and saints, please help me. Amen.

#### Questions To Consider

- 1. What kind of a mental picture do you have of Jesus?
- Which of the Scriptural titles for Jesus are meaningful for you: Good Shepherd, Lord, King of Kings, Christ, Lamb of God, Son of Mary, Savior, Healer, Brother, Emmanuel, word of God, Bread of Life... Say something about your choice.
- 3. Does the truth of Christ's personal love for me, proven from the height of the cross, fill me with awe and find an ever more generous response in my spiritual life?"
- 4. What do your baptismal vows mean to you now?

#### Salvation Prayer

- Precious Blood and Word of God, You are my eternal salvation. Lost in sin, You liberated me. You lifted me from perdition. Treasuring my soul, You excused my constant frailties. Forever, I am indebted to You. Your cost can never be repaid, for You bought my freedom with blood. I will always seek you out my LORD, You are my beloved Deliverer!
- Study: This week we will study the new life Jesus brings and the gift of the Holy Spirit that makes it possible.

John 3, Acts 2.





Throughout the ages, prophets predicted that the day would come when God would give his Spirit freely to men. Those who turned to him and received his Spirit would be changed. They would be new men with a new life.

The Lord God says this... "I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed... I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you... You shall be my people and I will be your God."

(Ezek 36:22-28 JB)



Jesus promised before he died that he would give his followers the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will live in you and give you new life. The promise of Jesus is for everyone. Jesus says:

If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans.

(Jn 14:15-18, JB)



On the day of Pentecost, Jesus 'disciples were gathered together in one room in prayer, and the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised, came on them. From that moment on, they were changed men.

When Pentecost day came round... they were filled with the Holy spirit and began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

(Acts 2:1-4, JB)

You can experience the Holy Spirit the same way the first disciples did. Whether you have been a Christian for a while or have never believed in Christ before, you can receive whatever is missing in your experience of the life of the Spirit. What happened to the disciples at Ephesus can happen to you.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the moment Paul had laid hands on them the Holy Spirit came down on them, and they began to speak with tongues and to prophesy. There were about twelve of these men.

(Acts 19:5-7, JB)



When the Holy Spirit is released in you, you will begin to experience a new kind of life. You will know God in a new way. That new life will grow in you until you become a changed person. Paul describes the result by saying:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

(Gal 5:22-23, RSV)





As you grow in faith in the Holy Spirit in you, you will begin to experience him working in you in new ways so that you can serve others. He will equip you with spiritual gifts, gifts which will give you a new power to do his work. Paul talks about some of these gifts in this way:

The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing through this one Spirit; on, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognizing spirits; another the gift of recognizing spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

(1 Cor 12:7-11, JB)

God gives the Holy Spirit so that we can be joined to the body of Christ (the Church, the Christian community). The new life in the Spirit will allow you to be more closely united with other Christians in the Church and to experience a communion with them in the Spirit. God's word teaches:

So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors; you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; an you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

(Eph 2:19-22, JB)



#### Commitment Prayer

Jesus, I know now that I am Yours and You are mine forever.

Thank You for sending Your spirit to me that I might have the power to live this new life with You.

Stir up Your Spirit in me. Release Your Spirit in me. Baptize me with the fullness of Your Spirit that I may experience Your presence and power in my life. That I may find new meaning in your Scriptures.

- . That I may find new meaning in the sacraments.
- . That I may find delight and comfort in prayer.
- . That I may be able to love as you love and forgive as
- . You forgive
- . That I may discover and use the gifts you give me for the life of the Church.
- . That I may experience the peace and the joy that you have promised us.
- . Fill me with Your Spirit, Jesus. I wish to receive all that You have to give me.

Amen





#### End Week 2